and/or All India and/or All India Council and/or Commission in any part of the name of a Technical Institution and/or any name whose abbreviated form leads to IIM/IIT/IISc./HIT/AICTE/UGC shall not be permitted. The AICTE through public notice is also advising all approved Institutions to change their names by dropping the word 'Indian and National etc.' failing which, it may withdraw its approval. AICTE is not granting any fresh approval to the Institutes, which wishes to use the word India, National etc.

Concession to handicapped students

2169. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Board of Secondary Education has given concessions to physically handicapped students appearing in 10th and 12th examinations this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such concessions are being given to the visually-challenged students throughout the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has provided the following concessions to visually impaired physically handicapped, spastic and dyslexic students:-

(i) facility of a writer in the examination, if requested for.

(ii) Additional one-hour time beyond the maximum time provided to answer the question paper.

(iii) Centre Superintendents are required to make seating arrangements for the conduct of examination on the ground floor, as far as possible.

(iv) Answer books of such candidates are evaluated separately.

(v) Examination fee is not charged from visually impaired candidates appearing under Delhi Scheme.

(vi) At the secondary examination, spastic candidates and candidates with visual and hearing impairment have the option of studying one compulsory language as against two. Also options are provided in lieu of Mathematics. Besides one language, any four of the following subjects are offered:

"Mathematics, Science & Technology, Social Science, another language, Music, Painting, Home Science and Introductory Information Technology".

(vii) Separate question papers in enlarged print for visually impaired candidates are provided in Mathematics and Science & Technology at Class X level.

(viii) Alternative questions in lieu of questions having visual input are being provided in History, Geography and Economics for class XII and in Mathematics, Science & Technology, Social Science and English Communicative for class X for the visually impaired candidates.

(ix) Special examination centre are created to facilitate the handicapped students.

The above concessions are being extended to the candidates of all CBSE affiliated schools throughout the country.

(d) Does not arise.

Student-class ratio under DPEP

2170. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average student-class ratio for schools covered under District Primary Education Programme has come down;

(b) if so, the comparative figures for the last five years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The comparative figures for the last 5 years are enclosed as Annexure-I.

(c) Dose not arise.